

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

Date: August 3, 2012
From: Rebecca Benz, VMU Supervisor
Subj.: Per Diem Increase
To: All Investigators Utilizing Animals

1. Due to increased cost for supplies and salaries in the Veterinary Medical Unit, there will be an approximate 5% increase to our current Per Diem rates for FY'13. We have not increased per diem rates since October 2010. The new FY'13 rates are as follows (SUNYAB rates as of 7/11 are listed for comparison):

Species	FY'11 Rates	FY'13 Rates	SUNYAB Rates as of 7/1/12
Mice	0.18	0.19	0.23
Microisolator Mice	0.26	0.27	0.33
Rats	0.41	0.42	0.43
Microisolator Rats	0.53	0.56	0.60
Rabbits	1.71	1.80	2.14
Xenopus laevis	0.32	0.34	0.40
Rana pipiens	0.59	0.62	N/A
Hamsters	0.34	0.38	0.48
Dogs	7.37	7.74	8.84
Pigs	9.38	9.85	10.09
Sheep	9.67	10.95	10.77

2. Operating room charges will remain the same with non-VA use at \$400/day and \$225/day for VA investigators with short term housing of animals. As always if you house animals at the VA long term, use of the OR is included in your per diem.

3. Currently, C57BL/6 mice are available for \$7.25. This price will increase to \$7.50.

5. The charge for technical services will increase to \$45/hour billed in 15-minute increments. Breeding and weaning of animals is not considered a technical service and therefore is included in your per diem.

6. These rates will take effect on October 1, 2012. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at 862-6517.

7. For future budgetary planning assume that per diem rates will increase 5-10% per year effective with the beginning of the VA Fiscal Year, October 1.